



## Contribution regulations

### § 1 Legal basis, enactment and principle

- (1) The legal basis for issuing the contribution regulations is Section 6 (6) sentence 2 lit. c) of the currently valid IFAIR Articles of Association dated September 2, 2024.
- (2) <sup>1</sup>The general meeting of members resolved the validity of the present membership fee regulations on September 2, 2024. <sup>2</sup>It shall apply until a new membership fee schedule is adopted.

### § 2 Amount of contributions and exemption

- (1) IFAIR charges annual membership fees in two categories: a basic membership of **24 euros** and a supporting membership of **80 euros**.
- (2) <sup>1</sup>The membership fee category can be freely selected by the applicant on the membership application form before joining the association. <sup>2</sup>Upon informal request, a member can apply to switch between categories at any time for the next membership year.
- (3) If you join the association by June 30 of the year, you must pay the full annual fee, thereafter you pay half the annual fee once.
- (4) Honorary members are exempt from the membership fee, see §4 para. 5) of the IFAIR statutes.
- (5) <sup>1</sup>Upon request, members may be exempted from paying the membership fee by decision of the current Executive Board, see § 4 sentence 2 of the IFAIR Articles of Association. The decision is at the discretion of the Executive Board. The following criteria are intended as a non-exhaustive list of possible indicators to assist in the decision-making process:
  - Receipt of Bafög or a comparable study grant,
  - Receipt of social assistance, unemployment benefit or a comparable public benefit or



- to earn a living in a country that can generally be regarded as a developing country.

The indicators named in this list are not mandatory; this means that they do not in themselves automatically entitle you to exemption from paying the membership fee, but are sufficient should the Board of Directors so decide. The application can be made before joining the association (on the membership application form) or later. The existence of the reason for exemption must be substantiated by the applicant. The Board of Directors decides on the exemption by simple majority. The member must inform the association immediately of any changes to the facts relevant to the exemption. The Board of Directors has the right to inquire whether the circumstances on which the decision is based still exist and may ask for corresponding evidence. The member must provide this.

### § 3 Payment of contributions

- (1) As a rule, contributions should be collected by direct debit. <sup>2</sup>Members shall provide IFAIR with a corresponding direct debit authorization on the membership application form. The Board of Directors must give reasonable advance notice of direct debit collection; in case of doubt, the notice period is one calendar week.
- (2) If members do not agree to direct debit collection, they are obliged to transfer the annual membership fee at the latest after being requested to do so by the Executive Board. Contributions are to be paid as annual contributions **at the beginning of** each current calendar year. <sup>2</sup>In the year of joining, the membership fee for the year of joining is due immediately.
- (3) The contribution is to be paid to the account of the association.

### §4 Miscellaneous

These contribution regulations must be kept as an appendix to the articles of association and made publicly available on the association's website on request.